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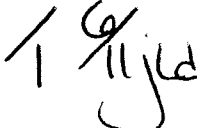
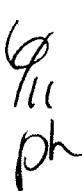

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From: Olin, Rick
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2009 7:50 AM
To: Kunkel, Mark
Cc: Reinhardt, Rob; Lang, Bob
Subject: ADC Amendment Request

Attachments: ROcub3.doc

Mark:

Please draft the following/attached request from the Pocan office:

Increase the ic appropriation to \$1,050,000 annually. Amend s. 196.31 to provide that the Commission must grant \$300,000 annually of this money for a 501(c)3 corporation that has a history of advocating on behalf of residential ratepayers for affordable rates. Further provide that the money may be used to offset general expenses of such a group (e.g, salaries, benefits, rent, utilities). Change the ic appropriation from an annual to a biennial appropriation.



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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Intervenor Financing

Motion:

Move to increase the intervenor financing appropriation by \$300,000 PR annually and change the appropriation to a biennial appropriation from an annual appropriation. Require the Public Service Commission to provide \$300,000 annually to a corporation that is exempt from federal income taxation under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and that has a history of advocating on behalf of residential ratepayers for affordable rates to be used to offset the corporation's general expenses.

Note:

The Commission's intervenor compensation program provides financial assistance for organizations and individuals who participate in PSC rate cases. Intervenor financing is funded with assessments on public utilities. Over the last five years, the Public Service Commission has distributed between \$450,000 and \$700,000 annually to intervenor groups from this appropriation. Although a variety of groups have received financing, the largest recipient has been the Citizens Utility Board. Intervenor financing is limited to direct costs that intervenors incur with regard to specific rate cases. This provision would require the Commission to provide \$300,000 annually for a nonprofit corporation's general expenses, provided the corporation has advocated on behalf of residential ratepayers for affordable rates.

[Change to Bill: \$600,000 PR-REV and \$600,000 PR]

Kunkel, Mark

From: Olin, Rick
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2009 9:15 AM
To: Kunkel, Mark
Subject: RE: ADC Amendment Request

Mark:

The base amount in 20.155(1)(j) was \$750,000. An additional \$300k puts us at \$1,050,000 annually. However, JFC reduced the appropriation to \$742,500. Therefore, the new appropriation will be \$1,042,500 (\$742,500 + \$300,000). Let me know if my math is wrong.

Rick

From: Kunkel, Mark
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2009 9:08 AM
To: Olin, Rick
Subject: RE: ADC Amendment Request

I'm assuming that \$1,050,000 should actually be \$1,500,000, correct?

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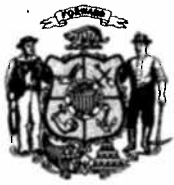
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ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT ,
TO ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1,
TO 2009 ASSEMBLY BILL 75**

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2 **1.** Page 81, line 9: after "financing" insert "and grants".

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4 **3.** Page 81, line 9: increase the dollar amount for fiscal year 2009-10 by
5 \$1,050,000 and increase the dollar amount for fiscal year 2010-11 by \$1,050,000 for
6 the purpose for which the appropriation is made.

7 **4.** Page 272, line 5: after that line insert:

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10 the schedule for intervenor financing and grants under s. 196.31. All moneys

1 received for intervenor financing under s. 196.31 (2) shall be credited to this
2 appropriation.”.✓

History: 1971 c. 125; 1973 c. 90; 1975 c. 39; 1977 c. 29; 1979 c. 34; 1981 c. 20; 1985 a. 79, 296, 297, 332; 1987 a. 27, 399; 1991 a. 39, 269; 1993 a. 16, 123; 1995 a. 27; 1997 a. 27, 140, 229; 1999 a. 9, 32, 84, 150, 196; 2001 a. 16, 30; 2003 a. 48; 2005 a. 179; 2007 a. 20, 130; s. 3.92 (2) (i).

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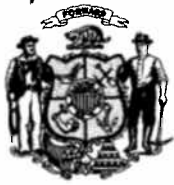
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Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2009 11:43 AM
To: Kunkel, Mark
Cc: Reinhardt, Rob
Subject: FW: LRB Draft: 09b0919/1 PSC intervenor funding
Attachments: 09b0919/1

Mark:

On page 1, line 5, please change "\$1,050,000" to "\$300,000" in both locations. After this change, the amount in the schedule should be \$1,042,500 in each year. Otherwise, this draft is good to go. Thanks,
Rick

From: Henry, Patty
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2009 11:25 AM
To: Olin, Rick
Cc: Reinhardt, Rob; Hanaman, Cathlene; Holten, Vicki
Subject: LRB Draft: 09b0919/1 PSC intervenor funding

Following is the PDF version of draft 09b0919/1.



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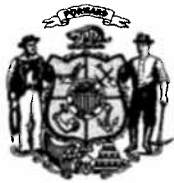
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